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Construction underway on Shoreline's North City Project

Construction on Shoreline's North City Project is officially underway.

The City of Shoreline celebrated the beginning of construction at a ceremonial groundbreaking on May 21 in the parking lot of the North City Safeway. (See the story at right.)

The City of Shoreline's North City Project is a series of capital improvements designed to improve pedestrian and vehicle safety and revitalize the North City commercial area. The project includes underground utilities, new street signals, six-foot sidewalks with four-foot planting and utility zones, curb bulb-outs, on-street parking, new storm drainage and road overlays. Additional items include benches, street trees and grates, concrete coloring and patterned sidewalks at intersections, printed crosswalks, pedestrian light poles and a gateway in the North City area. Construction is scheduled for completion in spring 2006.

Construction crews are

preparing sites for installing underground utility vaults under the sidewalk and shoulder of 15th Ave. NE between N. 172nd and 175th Streets. Over the next few weeks, four vaults will be installed -- one on the east side of 15th,

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North City Groundbreaking



From left: Gary East, Lora Vickrey, Councilmember Paul Grace, Deputy Mayor Scott Jepsen, Mayor Ron Hansen, City Manager Steve Burkett, Gretchen Atkinson and Charlotte Haines.

The unpredictable northwest weather behaved itself on the morning of May 21 as over 50 people gathered to celebrate the City of Shoreline's ceremonial

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two on the west side of 15th and one on 172nd. Traffic control personnel will be on site at all times during construction to help keep traffic moving through the construction area.

The City's construction contractor is SCI Infrastructure and the construction management will be provided by KBA. The construction office for the project is now open at 17711 15th Ave. NE. Staff will be available in the office to answer questions and address concerns.

For more information about the North City Project, contact Shoreline Capital Projects Manager John Vicente at (206) 546-8903. If you need to reach someone immediately about construction, call Shoreline's 24-hour Customer Response Team (CRT) at (206) 546-1700. After hours, CRT staff is on-call and will be paged when you leave a message. The North City Info Line at (206) 533-2280 offers recorded construction information updated regularly.

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groundbreaking for the North City Project.

The crowd included Shoreline Mayor Ron Hansen, Deputy Mayor Scott Jepsen, Councilmember Paul Grace, Shoreline's first mayor Connie King, officials from Seattle City Light and Shoreline Water District, North City neighbors and business owners, representatives from the North City Business Association, Shoreline Chamber of Commerce and Forward Shoreline, members of Shoreline's Planning Commission and Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Board, members of the construction team as well as numerous community members and City staff.

Mayor Hansen welcomed guests and provided an overview of the project, then introduced

four speakers. Charlotte Haines of the North City Neighborhood Association and Gretchen Atkinson from the North City Business Association recalled how the vision for an improved North City developed in the neighborhood and shared their excitement to see it becoming a reality. North City Business Association President Gary East and North City business owner Lora Vickrey spoke about their belief in the project and how the City's investment in the North City commercial area has helped their businesses.

Thank you to the North City Safeway for providing the space for the groundbreaking, pastries and staff to help serve. Thank you also to Hotwire Coffeehouse for providing coffee.

What you can expect during construction of the North City Project

- Private property owners will be notified by phone or by a door-to-door visit 48 hours in advance of construction activity in front of the property and if service connection work will be done on the property.

- Emergency providers will be notified if street closures are necessary and as needed for special circumstances.

- Flaggers will be on site during construction to keep traffic moving.

- Pedestrian access will be maintained along the corridor.

- Bus stops and fire hydrants will be fully accessible; relocations may be necessary.

- A fence will divide the construction area from traffic and pedestrian facilities.

- A spill prevention control plan and a water quality control plan for storm water are in place.

- Street sweeping as needed will control mud and dust.

Two more sections of the Interurban Trail are to be completed this month

Since before incorporation, the Shoreline community has been working on a plan to develop the former Interurban Rail Line right-of-way now owned by Seattle City Light into a transportation corridor for pedestrians and bicyclists.

That vision takes a big step towards reality this month with two more sections of Shoreline's Interurban Trail nearly complete.

Work is winding down on the Interurban Trail's South Central Section (N. 160th to 175th Streets) and North B Section (N. 200th to 205th Streets). Last month, a trellis and plants were installed on N. 205th St. and paving began at Ballinger Commons east of the Meridian Ave. N. - N. 200th St. intersection and at the trailhead on N. 205th St. Both segments of the Trail should be finished this month, weather permitting.

For design, construction and funding purposes, Shoreline has divided its portion of the Interurban Trail into five sections. The South Section, N. 145th to 155th, and the North Section, N. 192nd to 205th Streets, were completed last year. The North Central Section of the Trail will begin construction in late spring of 2006.

The other unfinished section of the Trail between N. 155th and 160th Streets includes two



The trailhead of the Interurban Trail at N. 205th St. features a metal trellis that was installed last month.

pedestrian bridges: one over N. 155th St., just west of Aurora Ave. N. and another across Aurora Ave. N. at about N. 158th St. The bridges will be built with the Aurora Corridor Project, N. 145th to 156th Streets to save money and streamline construction. Shoreline City Council will be reviewing construction bids on both the Aurora Corridor and

the Shoreline Park and Ride. Shoreline's Trail connects to the Snohomish County Interurban Trail that runs all the way to Everett, and to future trail improvements Seattle is working on.

For additional information about the Interurban Trail project, contact Capital Projects Manager Kris Overleese at (206) 546-0791.

Bridge Projects this month.

When completed, the Interurban Trail will be a three-mile non-motorized transportation system. The Trail's close proximity to Aurora Ave. N. and the economic core of Shoreline will provide access to nearby shopping, services and employment, plus access to transit centers at Aurora Village and

Second gateway completed

Shoreline finished its second City gateway this spring at N. 175th St. and the southeast corner of the I-5 interchange.

Developing gateways at key Shoreline entry points has been a City Council goal. The first gateway, the "Ponies," is located at N. 175th St. in Ronald Bog Park. Design is now underway for the third gateway at the intersection of Westminister, Dayton and N. 150th St.

Gateways not only act as landmarks, welcoming visitors and establishing a location, but they reflect and enhance a sense of community for Shoreline residents.

Community weighs in on cottage housing

After the construction of seven cottage housing developments over the past five years, and a moratorium on cottage housing set by the Shoreline City Council last August, the City held a community meeting to discuss cottage housing and possible changes to the Shoreline Development Code provisions for this type of housing.

More than 60 Shoreline residents attended the meeting, along with City Councilmembers, Planning Commissioners and City staff. Staff presented the history of cottage housing in Shoreline, why it was developed and key issues raised by the community over the past five years. The rest of the meeting was devoted to questions,

answers and further discussion.

Those opposed to cottage housing cited decreasing property values and neighborhood incompatibility as problems while others at the meeting supported cottage housing and suggested ways to improve future developments by making changes in design. Greenwood Cottages were mentioned as a good example of a successful development.

The discussion continued at a June 2 Planning Commission workshop and public hearing. Council will address the issue this summer. Shoreline's moratorium on cottage housing ends Aug. 20, 2005.

For more information about cottage housing or upcoming meetings, contact Shoreline Planner Paul Cohen at (206) 546-6815.

City monitors risk of West Nile Virus

The City of Shoreline and Seattle-King County Public Health are joining forces again this year on the West Nile Virus surveillance program. West Nile is a mosquito-borne virus spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. It causes West Nile fever, encephalitis and meningitis. Getting rid of standing water where mosquitoes breed is key in preventing the spread of the disease if it is found in Shoreline.

A mosquito becomes infected with the virus by biting a virus-infected animal. The virus is not spread by person-to-person contact, and it is not transmitted from birds or other animals to people. West Nile infects horses, birds, mosquitoes and other

animals, but no confirmed cases of animal or human West Nile Virus were detected in Washington state last year or so far this year.

West Nile Virus is of most concern during mosquito season which runs from spring through late fall. Seattle-King County Public Health manages the virus through education and surveillance of mosquito breeding areas. Shoreline staff received training on West Nile Virus this spring and will conduct spot surveillance for mosquito larvae at surface water control ponds from June through September. The City has obtained permission to apply mosquito larvicide under the King County Health Department's National Pollution Discharge

Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

To prevent West Nile Virus, Shoreline residents are urged to take the following three steps:

1) Rid homes of mosquito breeding habitat by emptying containers of standing water and keeping gutters clear of leaves and debris;

2) Keep mosquitoes out of homes by fixing torn window and door screens;

3) Wear long-sleeve shirts when outside at dusk or dawn, and use insect repellent on skin and clothing.

For more information about West Nile Virus, contact Seattle-King County Public Health's West Nile hotline at (206) 205-3883, or visit www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile.

Annual street resurfacing begins soon

The City of Shoreline keeps its streets in good shape by identifying problem areas and applying new asphalt or slurry seal each summer.

Shoreline's Annual Road Overlay Program will soon be underway with the addition this year of an overlay on 3rd Ave. NW as part of the 3rd Ave. NW Drainage Improvement Project.

Using the 2005 budget of

\$827,000 in the Roads Capital Fund, the City will overlay approximately five lane-miles of streets through a contract with the King County Department of Transportation's Road Services Division. Overlay is applied to streets with extensive cracks and pot holes while slurry seal is used for weathered roads that are still structurally sound. Slurry seal will be applied to approximately 6.8

lane-miles of City streets under a separate contract.

Since 2000, about 34 miles of Shoreline streets have received overlay and 34 miles have received slurry seal.

Residents living in the areas designated for overlay or slurry sealing have been notified by the City and will continue to receive updates as work continues. For more information, contact the Shoreline Customer Response Team (CRT) at (206) 546-1700.

Star Awards: Shoreline's best and brightest

Dedication and ingenuity are just a few of the words used to describe Shoreline Stars. The Shoreline Stars Awards were developed to recognize those who have made a positive impact on our community.

The City Council selected 13 of Shoreline's "best and brightest" from 55 nominations submitted by the public. Two stars are recognized each month at City Council meetings between now and August. The following

Shoreline Stars have already been recognized: Dwight Stevens, Keith McGlashan, Dr. Bill Schnall, Scott Keeny, Charlotte Haines and Patty Hale.

Stars to be honored at summer Council meetings include:

- June 13: Ros Bird
- June 20: Dan Mann
- June 27: Larry Blake
- July 11: Jeff Lewis
- July 25: Ken & Pearl Noreen
- August 15: Herb Bryce

Celebrate Shoreline Parade and Festival forms available

This year's Celebrate Shoreline Parade and Festival will be bigger and better than ever as the City celebrates its 10th anniversary.

Don't miss the chance to be part of the celebration by entering the parade or car show, or having an information or crafts booth at the festival.

Entry forms for the various events are now available online and are due to the City of Shoreline by Aug. 5.

Although events are scheduled all weekend, the big day is Saturday, Aug. 20 with the parade down 15th Ave. NE beginning at 11 a.m. The festival at Ridgecrest Elementary School, 16516 10th Ave. NE, runs from noon to 5 p.m.

Celebrate Shoreline's Tenth Anniversary on July 14

Join the City of Shoreline for its 10th anniversary celebration Thursday, July 14 at the Shoreline Historical Museum, 749 N. 175th St. The event will honor Shoreline's founding and the progress the City has made in a short 10 years.

Musical entertainment will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the formal program will start at 7 p.m. with presentations by the current and former Shoreline mayors, the Shoreline School District Superintendent and King County Councilmember Carolyn Edmonds.

Birthday cake, refreshments and the opening of a time capsule created in 1995 are also part of the festivities. The celebration also marks the official opening of the museum's new exhibit commemorating 10 years of City history. See you there!

Police Party Patrol aims to keep teens safe

Alcohol, teenagers and vehicles can be a fatal combination -- especially during graduation season. This month Shoreline Police are once again teaming up with law enforcement agencies throughout King County to keep high school students safe.

The annual Party Patrol program is in effect each June to discourage underage drinking parties before, during and after graduation season. Since the program began in 1998, police report a steady decline in alcohol-related traffic accidents involving juveniles in King County.

Each weekend in June, party Patrol officers shut down parties, take teens into custody and notify parents. Shoreline Police ask that parents of teenagers talk to them about the risks of drinking and driving. If parents are planning to be away for a weekend, ask a responsible adult to keep an eye on things for you. Parents may also contact Shoreline Police and make arrangements for officers to drop by as time permits.

If you or your children hear about a drinking party, please contact the Shoreline Police Department at (206) 546-6730 or (206) 296-3311. For more information about the Party Patrol, contact Shoreline Police Captain Dan Pingrey at (206) 546-6730.



Clean Sweep cleans up

More than 900 City residents turned out for last month's Clean Sweep Recycling Event. City staff reported a 19-ton increase in the amount of yard waste collected from last year. This year's total: 32 tons! The following items were also collected at the event: 19.9 tons of scrap metal; 265 computer monitors; 4.4 tons of small electronic equipment and 164 televisions. Great job, Shoreline!

Keep dogs on leash in Shoreline parks

As you enjoy the outdoors with your four-legged friends, the City of Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department would like to remind you that dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times in Shoreline parks.

Shoreline has received complaints from residents about increasing numbers of dogs allowed to run free in parks. These complaints include loose dogs knocking down children and older adults, and generally making people feel less safe in the parks.

Keeping your dog on leash not only protects other users of the park and the environment, but it protects your dog as well. The ordinance was put in place to balance a diverse group of needs so everyone can feel safe and

comfortable enjoying Shoreline parks.

The City is collaborating with the King County Animal Control to begin unannounced patrols in Shoreline parks. Animal Control Officers will issue tickets for violations of the City's leash laws. Animal Control Officers will also have brochures listing parks in Seattle, King County and Edmonds where dogs can lawfully be off leash.

Dog owners are also required to be good pooper-scoopers and to keep dogs away from play fields, playgrounds and beaches. Dog feces can spread E. Coli so the City needs to minimize the chance of children coming in contact with it while playing. For more information about the Shoreline Park Ordinance, call the Shoreline Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department at (206) 546-5041.

Tips on how to use water wisely this summer

Although rainy days have returned, there is still the likelihood of water shortages in King County this summer. Snow pack is only 32 percent of normal, and conserving water indoors and outdoors will help to make sure there is enough to go around.

Remember that the more water people conserve, the more water there is in streams for fish and other wildlife, including our threatened salmon species. Conserving water will help all of us. Here's what you can do:

Indoors:

- Fix leaking faucets and toilets. Research has shown that about eight percent of all residential water use is wasted through leaks, usually in toilets.
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher and clothes washer.
- Minimize faucet use when brushing your teeth, shaving and washing dishes.
- Don't pre-rinse dishes unless you need to. Most new dishwashers don't require pre-rinsing.
- While waiting for hot water in kitchens and showers, save the lukewarm water for watering plants and other uses.
- Shorten your showers by a minute or two and save up to 1,800 gallons per person each year.
- Take showers instead of baths and save up to 40 gallons each time.
- Consider replacing your toilet, dishwasher, washing machine and showerhead with more efficient models. Look for Energy Star models. They usually

save both water and energy.

- Unless you are very frugal with water use, dishwashers will typically use less water than washing dishes by hand.

Outdoors:

- Wash your car at a car wash that recycles water. Most do -- ask if you're not sure.
- Use a rain barrel to catch water from your roof and use it in summer when water amounts are low. While supplies last, Shoreline residents can call (206) 940-7007 to purchase a 55-gallon rain barrel at a discounted price of \$35.
- Water deeply but infrequently. Avoid frequent shallow watering that causes shallow rooting. Water about one inch per week during July and August. Water slowly, or start and stop, so the water penetrates rather than running off. Water early or late, not in the heat of the day when it will just evaporate. Use a soaker hose for a slow, steady water supply to plant roots.

- Moisten the root zone.

Grasses do better when the whole root zone is watered and then partially dries out between waterings.

- Watch the weather. Don't water if it's going to rain. Signs of a lawn that needs more water include a duller color and the "footprint test:" grass blades that stay bent in your footprint rather than popping back up.

- Let your lawn go dormant. Consider letting the lawn go brown and dormant in the summer. Watering deeply but slowly, so it penetrates, once each rainless month will help support dormant lawns so they recover better in the fall. When rain returns in the fall, overseed any thin areas to thicken the lawn and help crowd out weeds.

For more information about water conservation, go to the Saving Water Partnership at www.savingwater.org or call the Water Conservation Hotline at (206) 684-7283.

Shoreline fireworks ban

The Fourth of July holiday is right around the corner. As you make plans to celebrate, please remember that all types of fireworks are illegal in Shoreline.

Shoreline Police will be enforcing the City's year-round fireworks ban by confiscating fireworks and writing \$50 tickets for possession.

Shoreline residents may report offenders by calling 911 or (206) 296-3311.

If you have fireworks to dispose of please call the Police Communications Center at (206) 296-3311 to make arrangements.

Who, what, where in the City of Shoreline

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Shoreline Conference Center
18560 First Ave. NE
Mt. Rainier Room

Workshop Meetings
First and third Mondays
beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meetings
Second and fourth Mondays
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Agenda Line
(206) 546-2190

Televised City Council Meetings
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City of Shoreline Web site

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